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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: F. BIOLLEY  
Serial No.: 09/471,501  
Filed: December 23, 1999  
For: HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER  
Group Art Unit: 3671  
Examiner: Pechhold, A.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9 and 13 as follows:

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9) (four times amended) A pipe for great water depths allowing transfer of a fluid between a floating support and a point located below and at a distance from the water surface, characterized in that it comprises: